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Mr. Rich Cavagnero  
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Dear Mr. Cavagnero:

Enclosed with this letter is a RCRA application permit for an EPA license regarding a Hazardous Waste Management facility. Fiber Materials, Inc. (FMI) has made a good faith attempt to provide the information required. However, we have not been able to secure answers to some of our questions despite repeated calls to the industry assistance line, or attempts to reach people at the Region I office.

In addition to storage facilities, FMI hopes to have on line early in 1981 two treatment processes. The first is an incinerator with which we plan to destroy much of the liquid waste currently being stored on site.

The second proposed treatment method is a packed absorption tower to be attached to a graphite fiber production system. This tower will remove gases from the effluents produced in the manufacture of graphite fibers. Additionally, liquid wastes from this process will be collected. Current plans are to burn these liquid wastes in the proposed incinerator.

FMI is filing this application permit for storage because of the possibility that our batch processing method may require storage of some wastes for over 90 days. We have been unable to get anyone with the EPA to tell us what the procedure would be to amend the application to include treatment processes at a later date, or whether a new application would be required at that time. We are planning to submit an amended Part A application at a later date which will include our proposed treatment processes.

FMI is in the process of obtaining Maine state licenses for the incinerator and scrubber under the state Clean Air Act. Both of these pieces of equipment are

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designed so that the emissions will be in compliance with Maine's air standards.

Thus, even though FMI may, at present, qualify as a small generator of wastes, we feel the prudent course apparently is to file this application for storage with as much additional information as we can provide.

Should you have any questions, or require additional information, please contact Mr. Richard Santoro, Manager, Support Services Division, here at FMI.

Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely,



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Executive Vice President

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